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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Box Non-fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2002
(Paper No. 6), Applicants respectfully submit the following
arguments in the above-referenced application.

In the Claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims are
herewith presented:

27. A system for selection of a reference die image for
comparison with other die images comprising:

a die image comparator creating a difference image from a
first die image and a second die image; and

a difference image analysis system coupled to the die image
comparator, the difference image analysis system generating